

my Vermont staff can once again visit the Meals on Wheels Program and meet the volunteers and recipients in person.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES DISCHARGED PETITION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be discharged of further consideration of S.J. Res. 13, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission's Conciliation Procedures", and, further, that the resolution be immediately placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Jacky Rosen, Alex Padilla, Ron Wyden, Tammy Baldwin, Richard Durbin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Sherrod Brown, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Robert Menendez, Patty Murray, Debbie Stabenow, Benjamin L. Cardin, Brian Schatz, Christopher A. Coons, Jeff Merkley, Jack Reed, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Duckworth, Mazie Hirono, Amy Klobuchar, Patrick J. Leahy, Elizabeth Warren, Charles E. Schumer, Sheldon Whitehouse, Tina Smith, Cory A. Booker, Bernard Sanders, John W. Hickenlooper, Ben Ray Lujan.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 13. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission relating to "Update of Commission's Conciliation Procedures".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 963. A bill to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1868. An act to prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-651. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2021" (RIN2501-AD97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-652. A communication from the Congressional Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Netting Eligibility for Financial Institutions" (RIN7100-AF48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-653. A communication from the Wildlife Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the Take of Migratory Birds; Delay of the Effective Date" (RIN1018-BD76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-654. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Arkansas Regional Haze and Visibility Transport State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 10019-63-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-655. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Michigan; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of the Detroit SO2 Nonattainment Area Plan" (FRL No. 10021-50-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-656. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS Second Maintenance Plan for the Centre County (State College) Area" (FRL No. 10021-28-Region 3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-657. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval of the Rhinelander SO2 Nonattainment Area Plan" (FRL No. 10021-23-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-658. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Area for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California; South Coast Moderate Area Plan and Reclassification as Serious Nonattainment for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 10019-97-Region 9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-659. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Test Methods and Performance Specifications for Air Emission Sources; Correction" (FRL No. 10018-97-OAR) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-660. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arkansas; Arkansas Regional Haze and Visibility Transport State Implementation Plan Revisions" (FRL No. 10019-63-Region 6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 23, 2021; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-661. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Activities of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) for fiscal year 2019"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-662. A communication from the Senior Director of Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, other materials required to accompany Amtrak's Grant and Legislative Report for fiscal year 2021; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 114. A resolution commending the United States African Development Foundation on the occasion of its 40th anniversary for creating pathways to prosperity for underserved communities on the African continent through community-led development.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

* Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

* Coast Guard nomination of Jerry L. Smith, to be Commander.

By Mr. DURBIN for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Lisa O. Monaco, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

* Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY:

S. 965. A bill to establish a voluntary program to identify and promote internet-connected products that meet industry-leading cybersecurity and data security standards, guidelines, best practices, methodologies, procedures, and processes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 966. A bill to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a Climate Change Education Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 967. A bill to provide for the automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 968. A bill to prohibit the United States Armed Forces from promoting anti-American and racist theories; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 969. A bill to establish Federal Regulatory Review Commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 970. A bill to reduce the backlog of foreign nationals seeking employment-based visas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SASSE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BENNET):

S. 971. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize a program on children and the media within the National Institute of Health to study the health and developmental effects of technology on infants, children, and adolescents; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 972. A bill to reauthorize the Essex National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 973. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr.

BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 974. A bill to repeal certain impediments to the administration of firearms laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. BURR, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 975. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the credit for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 976. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and to expand eligibility for dependency and indemnity compensation paid to certain survivors of certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEE, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 977. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KELLY, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DAINES, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TESTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. MARSHALL, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 978. A bill to provide for the adjustment or modification by the Secretary of Agriculture of loans for critical rural utility service providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. BOOKER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 979. A bill to amend the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 to authorize additional funds for the Emergency Broadband Connectivity Fund, to provide grants to States and Tribal Entities to strengthen the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier, to provide for Federal coordination between the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier and the National Accuracy Clearinghouse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. HAGERTY:

S. 980. A bill to restrict funds to local educational agencies that have obligated previously appropriated funds and reopen schools for in-person learning; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 981. A bill to amend the Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act of 2016 to ensure that federally recognized Indian Tribes are consulted before the sale or transfer of certain Federal civilian real properties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MERKLEY):

S. 982. A bill to extend the life of the Minuteman III and redirect savings from the development of the new ground-based strategic deterrent program toward the development of a universal coronavirus vaccine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. BROWN):

S. 983. A bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish a public health insurance option, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 984. A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the production and use of certain single-use plastic products and packaging, to improve the responsibility of producers in the design, collection, reuse, recycling, and disposal of their consumer products and packaging, to prevent pollution from consumer products and packaging from entering into animal and human food chains and waterways, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. HEINRICH):

S. 985. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide direct payments of the renewable electricity production credit, the energy credit, and the carbon oxide sequestration credit; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. COONS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LUJÁN, Ms. ERNST, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 986. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a 5-year extension of the carbon oxide sequestration credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. PORTMAN (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 987. A bill to provide support with respect to the prevention of, treatment for, and recovery from, substance use disorder; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 988. A bill to provide competitive grants for the promotion of Japanese American confinement education as a means to understand the importance of democratic principles, use and abuse of power, and to raise awareness about the importance of cultural tolerance toward Japanese Americans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 989. A bill to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. HEINRICH:

S. 990. A bill to reauthorize the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 991. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the treatment of foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. HIRONO):